## Brent E. Arronte Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations for Headquarters Operations

Brent Arronte was appointed as the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Headquarters Operations in August 2015. In this role, Mr. Arronte is responsible for leading, directing, and monitoring five regional field offices, two headquarters-based offices, the Management Operations Division, the Quality Assurance Division, and the Statistical Operations Division. These 10 divisions are geographically dispersed and represent a workforce of approximately 100 auditors, inspectors, and management analysts, ranging in grades from GS-5 to GS-15. Mr. Arronte was instrumental in the creation of the congressionally mandated Office of Inspector General Benefits Inspection program and served as Director of the Benefits Inspection Division in San Diego, California, and the Benefits Inspection Division in Bay Pines, Florida.

Mr. Arronte has extensive experience reviewing mission-critical systems and Veterans Benefits Administration initiatives, performing numerous reviews of VBA programs, and addressing highly sensitive allegations of mismanagement in VBA. Mr. Arronte provides independent audits and evaluations of VA's activities in order to ensure the integrity of its programs and operations. His work products report on current performance and accountability of such diverse areas as veterans' benefits administration, financial management, information technology, and identification of potential fraud in VA programs and facilities. Further, he has participated as a witness at nine congressional hearings since 2009. Additionally, Mr. Arronte has provided a combined total of 25 briefings before the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs and numerous briefings to other congressional staff and committees.

Mr. Arronte holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Troy University in Troy, Alabama, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management from Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colorado. He also completed the Federal Executive Institute's Leadership for a Democratic Society and American University's Key Executive Leadership Certificate Program in the School of Public Affairs in Washington, DC. In 2014, Mr. Arronte completed leadership development at The Lincoln Leadership Institute at Gettysburg.